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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Use of Drugs in the Yuriy Nosenko Case

1. On 1 August 1978, Thomas A. Ryan, DDO/SE Division, was interviewed regarding any possible use of drugs by the Agency during the interrogations of Yuriy Nosenko. Mr. Scott Breckinridge, Principal Coordinator for HSCA Matters, was present during the interview. Mr. Ryan provided the following information.

2. Ryan became directly involved in the Nosenko case in approximately April 1964. He participated in the debriefing sessions and later in the hostile interrogations which took place at Clinton, Maryland. He was directly involved with the handling of Nosenko until early 1965 when Nosenko was moved to the installation at ISOLATION. Ryan never saw Nosenko while he was at ISOLATION, although he did see the Security logs and the medical reports which were forwarded to SE Division from time to time.

3. Ryan was certain that during the Clinton phase of the debriefing and/or interrogation no drugs were administered to Nosenko. Furthermore, he has no reason to believe that any drugs, other than routine medicines, were administered to Nosenko while he was being held at ISOLATION.

4. Ryan mentioned that Paul L. Dillon and Sally Downey, who are still with the Agency, would be logical persons to interview concerning the possible use of drugs on Nosenko. He said that Dillon is currently stationed at the Special Training Center and that Downey is currently assigned to Paris. He also mentioned that John McMahon who, along with Ryan, was one of the two principal interrogators of Nosenko at Clinton, may still be associated with the Agency in a contract capacity.


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